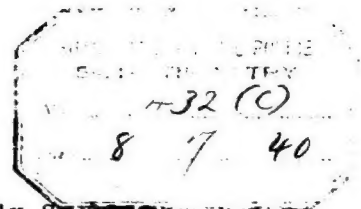


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Foreigner Engaged in the Sale of Counterfeit Banknotes and Narcotics.

Reliable information has been obtained by the undersigned to the effect, that a male foreigner residing at Lane 140, House 16, Yuenfong Road, is engaged in selling counterfeit banknotes of Chinese and foreign currencies, as well as narcotics in small quantities.

By observation kept on the above premises and through contact established by an "informer", the following particulars have been elicited:-

The person referred to above is known by the name of Atrovsky, (which name, it is believed, is an assumed one), Russian-Polish, age about 30, about 5'7" in height, thin features, medium built, who lives in a room situated on the 1st floor of a Chinese dwelling house at Lane 140, House 16, Yuenfong Road. Atrovsky is unemployed and makes his living by selling counterfeit banknotes and drugs (heroin and cocain) which are supplied to him by a Korean, who pays almost daily visits to the above address on a bicycle.

It is said, that Atrovsky's "customers" are Russians of the lower class, as well as a number of German-Jewish refugees, who either are drug addicts and buy cocain etc. for their own use or those who deal in counterfeit banknotes, put them in circulation and re-sell them with a profit.

It has been observed, that on two separate occasions a black "Morris" saloon m/car lic.No.1716, occupied by 3 males and 1 female, presumably Russians, has stopped outside L.140 Yuenfong Road and while one of the males and the female remained in the car, the other two proceeded inside the lane, returning some 20 minutes

later. In connection with these visits it was observed, that on the occasion of the second trip to L.140 Yuenfong Road, the same (?) "Morris" m/car bore lic.plates No.3257.

These licence numbers were checked with the Traffic Office and it was ascertained that they are registered as follows:-

M/car Lic.No.1716, sedan, "Chevrolet", North
British and Mercantile Insurance Co.Ltd.,
259 Kiangse Road.

M/car Lic.No.3257, sedan, "De Soto", Mrs.S.L.Chang,
264/19 Moulmeln Road.

Further steps in connection with this information were taken by the undersigned on the 5-7-40. when two counterfeit banknotes of \$5.- denomination each, were bought through the "informer" from Atrovsky. One note is one the "Bank of China" and bears No.F408426 whilst the other is on "The Farmers Bank of China" No.CK357267. The notes were bought at the price of \$3.- each.

According to information, counterfeit U.S.A. banknotes can be obtained from the same source at the following prices:-

U.S.	\$1-	at Shanghai	\$6.-
"	\$5.-	-do-	\$25.-
"	\$10.-	-do-	\$40.-

The two counterfeit banknotes are attached herewith.

